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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA ANNOUNCES NEW ANTI-TERRORIST BORDER CAMPAIGN

REF: PRETORIA 3503

1. ON JULY 20 DCM HAD CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY TO THE CABINET STEENKAMP, WHO IS ALSO IN CHARGE OF GOB'S INTERNAL SECURITY AFFAIRS. ASKED ABOUT SUBSTANCE OF REFTTEL, STEENKAMP SAID THE SAG'S INTENSIFIED BORDER SURVEILLANCE SPECIFICALLY DID NOT INCLUDE BOTSWANA ("FOR ONCE", HE ADDED). IT WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER THIS EXCEPTION WAS WRITTEN OR ORAL. DCM ALSO ASKED STEENKAMP MEANING OF RECENT INCIDENT WHEN DCM, AS HE WAS RETURNING TO BOTSWANA FROM PRETORIA, WAS ASKED BY SAG POLICE IF HE HAD "ANYTHING TO DECLARE" (POLICE THEN MADE VERY CURSORY VISUAL INSPECTION OF DCM'S VEHICLE). STEENKAMP SAID SAG POLICE MOUNT THESE INSPECTIONS "EVERY SO OFTEN"; THEY ARE CLEARLY AIMED AT POSSIBLE EXPORTS OF ARMS OR REFUGEES FROM RSA, HE SAID.

2. COMMENT: APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON WHETHER IN FACT BOTSWANA BORDER IS EXCLUDED FROM STEPPED UP SURVEILLANCE. IF IT IS, WE WONDER WHETHER THAT EXCLUSION IS RESULT OF RELATIVELY SMALLER THREAT FROM BOTSWANA IN TERMS OF TRANSITING
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TERRORISTS, OR WHETHER SAG MAY BE EXERCISING UNWONTED RESTRAINT TO AVOID UNNECESSARY PROVOCATION OF GOB IN ADVANCE OF BOPHUTHATSWANA "INDEPENDENCE" DECEMBER 6. END COMMENT.
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